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DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Letter dated 17 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

As Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (LACG) for matters relating to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, I have pleasure in requesting you to ensure that the attached annex containing amendments by LACG to the draft provisional rules of procedure for the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/PC/8) is considered as an official document of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

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ANNEX

Amendments to the draft rules of procedure for the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/PC/8)

1. Rule 25

Replace by rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, which reads: "A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives favouring and to two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately".

2. Rule 29

Replace by rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (Nairobi, 9-26 July 1985), which reads: "Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to the vote no earlier than twenty-four hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations".

3. Rule 33

Delete and reinsert as rule 35, paragraph 1.

4. Rule 35

Paragraph 1: The text of rule 33.

Paragraph 2: Replace "rule 33" by "the preceding paragraph".

Paragraph 3: Replace by rule 34, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Nairobi Conference, which reads: "If the question arises as to whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, it shall be decided by the Conference by a majority of the representatives present and voting".

5. Rule 41

Replace by rule 63 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, which reads: "An amendment is a proposal that does no more than add to, delete from or revise part of another proposal".

6. Rule 47

In the first line, delete "in the Conference".

7. Rule 49

Delete.

8. Rule 51

Replace "representatives" by "participants".

9. Rule 52

Subparagraph (a)

Redraft to read: "(a) The Chairmen of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committees, other committees, subcommittees and working groups...".

Subparagraph (b)

Redraft to read: "(b) Decisions of the Main Committees, other committees, subcommittees and working groups...".

10. Rule 53

In the second line, replace "languages of the Conference" by "official and working languages of the Main Committees, other committees, subcommittees and working groups of the Conference".

11. Rule 55

Replace "made available" by "circulated".

12. Rule 56

Replace the last sentence by "No such recordings shall be made of the meetings of the working groups unless otherwise decided by the Conference or the Main Committee concerned".

13. Rule 58

Delete.

14. Rule 59

Delete.